

REMARKS

This is an amendment in response to the office action dated October 20, 2004.

IN THE DRAWINGS

The drawings were objected to because "channel 36" was not shown. Accordingly, Fig. 7 has been amended to show channel 36 and a sheet showing the correction is herewith respectfully submitted. It is further respectfully submitted that this sheet of drawings is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d).

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1, 3, 4 and 7 to 12 are presently in the application.
Claims 9 to 12 have been allowed.

Claims 2, 5 and 6 have been cancelled.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7 and 8 have been amended to more specifically delineate the present invention and to correct several informalities found therein.

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 1 to 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Specifically claims 2, 5, and 6 have been cancelled and claims 1, 3 and 8 have been amended. Claims 1, 3, and 8 have been amended to correct the objected to clauses identified as having improper antecedent basis, either by either deleting the objected to language or by providing proper antecedent basis for these objected to limitations.

In view of the cancellation of claims 2, 5, and 6 and the amendment to claims 1, 3 and 8, it is respectfully submitted that these objections to the remaining claims 1, 3, 4, 7, and 8 should be withdrawn and these claims 1, 3, 4, 7, and 8 should now be passed to issue.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1, 2, and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S. C. 102 as be anticipated by Hirokawa et al (USP 3,917,371).

Claim 2 has been cancelled and claims 1 and 4 amended. It is respectfully submitted that these amended claims 1 and 4 now define an invention quite distinct from the invention of Hirokawa et al (USP 3,917,371).

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Specifically claim 1 has been amended to claim an electrical apparatus for interconnecting a first power terminal to a second power terminal, having first and second horizontal spaced apart conductive bases each of which has first and second ends with the first end of each carrying respective vertical, conductive stud portion, an insulating insert positioned between the horizontal bases and having a vertical extension between the vertical conductive stud portions to maintain the bases and studs in a fixed insulating position relative to each other and at a fixed distance apart; and a removable conductive coupler bridging the insulating insert to mechanically and electrically connect the studs. Such an arrangement is not shown taught or even hinted at by Hirokawa et al (USP 3,917,371).

Further claim 4, dependent on claim 1, further defines each base, as having, not only a selected length, width and thickness, but also having a conductive stud portion that has thereon a thread pattern that mates with the thread pattern of the stud on the other base. Again such an arrangement is not shown taught or even hinted at by Hirokawa et al (USP 3,917,371).

It is therefore respectfully submitted that the claims 1, 3, 4, 7 and 8 of the present invention, as amended, Hirokawa et al (USP 3,917,371) as discussed above.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1, 3, 4, 7 and 8 should now be withdrawn and the claims 1, 3, 4, 7 and 8 of the present invention found allowable and speedily passed to issue.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that this application, and the claims 1, 3, 4, 7, and 8 are in condition for allowance and should be found allowable and speedily passed to issue.

Please call Applicant's attorney at the number listed below if that would advance the issuance of this case.

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